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Office Action Summary

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MOSZNER ET AL.

Examiner

Melba Bumgarner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 September 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 20-23 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 and 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. This application contains claims 20-23 drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse in the reply filed on February 14, 2005. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-6 and 8-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Harada et al. (6,191,191). Harada et al. disclose a dental polymer film comprising polymerizable groups, which film can be cured by polymerization, wherein one of the group is an acrylate group (column 3 line 57). The film contains Michael addition resins (column 4 line 39). At least a part of the polymerizable groups is radically polymerizable. At least a part of the polymerizable groups is cationically polymerizable (column 4 line 3). The film can comprise an initiator (column 3 line 1), organic or inorganic fillers (column 11 line 50), polymerization inhibitors

(column 12 line 23), pigments (column 12 line 24), an antioxidant (column 12 line 26), and a primer (column 5 line 16).

4. Claims 1-6, 8-13, 16, 17, 19, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nakatsuka et al. (6,355,704). Nakatsuka et al. disclose a dental polymer film comprising polymerizable groups, which film can be cured by polymerization, wherein one of the group is an acrylate group (column 19 line 29). The film contains Michael addition resins (column 19 line 44). At least a part of the polymerizable groups is radically polymerizable. At least a part of the polymerizable groups is cationically polymerizable (column 19 line 20). The film can comprise an initiator (column 5), organic or inorganic fillers (column 17), polymerization inhibitors, pigments, an antioxidant, a primer, and antibiotics. Nakatsuka et al. show the film detachably held on a carrier film which is translucent (column 26 line 61). Nakatsuka et al. show a dental polymer film of claim 1 and an adhesive (column 5).

5. Claims 1-9 and 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mitra et al. (5,154,762). Mitra et al. disclose a dental polymer film comprising polymerizable groups, which film can be cured by polymerization, wherein one of the group is an acrylate group (column 3 line 24). The film contains Michael addition resins (column 3 line 39). At least a part of the polymerizable groups is radically polymerizable. At least a part of the polymerizable groups is cationically polymerizable. The film can comprise an initiator (column 3 line 1), organic or inorganic fillers (column 7 line 13), polymerization inhibitors, pigments, anti-adhesive additive, and a primer (column 8 line 30). The initiator is in microencapsulated form (column 2 line 51).

6. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Karazivan (WO 01/93774). Karazivan discloses a dental polymer film comprising polymerizable groups, which film can be cured by polymerization, wherein one of the group is an acrylate group (page 5 line 27). The film contains Michael addition resins (column 3 line 39). At least a part of the polymerizable groups is radically polymerizable. Karazivan shows the film detachably held on a carrier film in the form of an inflatable film bag (page 12 line 27).

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed September 19, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The claimed limitations are shown in the prior art. Applicant has not given any definition to the term "film" in that a film can comprise liquid material.

Conclusion

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melba Bumgarner whose telephone number is 571-272-4709.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Shaver can be reached at 571-272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melba Bumgarner', is written above the printed name.

Melba Bumgarner
Primary Examiner